

# HILLTOP NEWS

Newcastle East Public School – Australia's Oldest School

Week Two Term Three, Tuesday July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015

Edition One Hundred and Forty-one

## An Eventful Week

This is a busy week at NEPS, with our public speaking finals, Band Link, Dance Festival, and a Musica Viva performance all falling in the same few days. Thanks to teachers and parents who have worked tirelessly to make these opportunities possible for our students, and thanks to parents who are supporting our Band and Dance troupe by attending their concerts later in the week. A reminder that our school policy is inclusive for events like these, and if you find yourself in financial difficulties, please phone me (confidentially) to arrange assistance where genuine need exists.

## Canteen Crisis – Facing Closure??

We have an urgent need of volunteers to help with our School Canteen, which has come to rely on just two very busy people to keep open. They simply cannot do it any longer, with their work and family commitments, and an option discussed at last night's P and C meeting is partial closure. Should this happen Canteen would probably close one extra day each week, leaving it operational only twice each week. If you can help, even for just one day, please contact the school. Grand-parents can help, child-carers, and other caring members of our school community - all are needed. Please text Cherry on 0409927006 if you can help out this term.



## Got Your Tickets Yet? They're Selling Fast

More than 200 tickets have sold already for our musical, Cinderella and Rockerfella, and with only 450 available, the advice is to get in early. Remember that you definitely do not need to buy tickets for your children who are in the show. Purchases are made on-line, at

<http://www.trybooking.com/IBOP>

## Public Speaking Finalists

Congratulations to all students who reached the final level of our school PS competition, and competed to move on to Zone level as NEPS representatives. As usual, the standard of speaking was exceptionally high, and the judges found making decisions about winners very challenging. The range of topics was exciting and humorous. Everything from super-powers to pets, from reasons to stay in Kindergarten forever to how our everyday lives should be like musicals. Just imagine a conga line at the Aldi checkout and you get the picture, and see just how creative our students are. Each school is permitted just two students per stage, and these are our representatives for Zone level.

Early Stage One Kindergarten	Stage One	Stage Two	Stage Three
Charlie Drew	Nick Egerton	Ruby Crane	Lilli-Ann Ellway
Diya Sanjay	Adam Handley	Alex Giles	Alara Guner

## Getting Our Kids Home Safely

Pick-up time at NEPS can be crowded and confusing, with children heading in all directions to meet parents, catch buses, and to walk home. Often, during this afternoon session, smaller children can get confused, or lost, about where they should go. Help them by: -

- Getting there early if you are picking up your child
- Giving the school or OOSH early advice if pick-up arrangements have changed
- Making certain that you have an agreed meeting place
- Notifying us if you have changed your phone contact details.

## Bunnings Barbeque – Can You Help??

Our P and C is hosting a fund-raising barbeque at Kotara Bunnings on Sunday 9 August between 9am and 4pm. If you are able to help that day, please mark it in your diary now, ahead of more information next week from P and C.

## P and C News

Last night's meeting of parents agreed to pay for the bus transport for our rehearsals at NGS Park Campus, relieving parents of one cost. A Permission Note allowing your child to travel to and from the Union Street site on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> August will be sent home this week. Please complete and return immediately.

## Financial Assistance

With payments for Outdoor Education Camp due for all students years 3-6 parents are reminded that the school sets aside additional funds for families experiencing financial hardship. Please see Claire for more information.

## Music Lessons

Flute with Emily will now be held on Wednesdays

Clarinet and Sax lessons with Mikaela will now be held on Mondays

## Canteen Volunteer Roster

### Price Increases from August 1 – Advance Notice

Some small price increases at Canteen will happen from August 1.

The School Canteen is organised and run each week by parents who generously volunteer their time. Every term we have the same few parents volunteering and because of the small number, most of them end up working in the canteen on multiple days. This term we have lost a few of our long standing volunteers and we really need more parents or even grandparents to help.

Volunteering for the canteen is a fun way to be involved in your child's school life. You only need to give us one school day a term (9am until 2pm). It's easy and you will be trained before you're put into the canteen on your own.

For those who are working parents, most of our canteen volunteers work in paid jobs too!

If we don't get enough volunteers this term, the P&C will need to reduce the days that we can provide this service to two per week.

Please text Cherry on 0409927006 if you can help out this term.

<b>Week 2</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> July <b>Susan Crawford</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> July <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> July <b>Cherry &amp; Shaun</b>
<b>Week 3</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> July <b>Deb Clark Jones</b>	29 <sup>nd</sup> July <b>Clare Hogue</b>	31 <sup>th</sup> July <b>Ingrid Beavis &amp; Pip Strachan</b>



**Donations of MILO are required this week from the following families:**

Tait, Taylor, Pratt, Thompson, Shaw, Dyson, McCallum, Wilson, Barber, Wood, Wyman, Zhang

## Term Three Planner

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
13 JULY Premier's Spelling List Published	14 Students resume	15 Whole School Assembly	16	17
20 NEPS Public Speaking Final	21 Musical Rehearsal COLA	22 Stage Assembly Musica Viva Sousaphonics Bandlink Dance Rehearsal 9.00am	23 Dancefest  Bandlink	24 Zone Athletics-Track
27 EDUCATION WEEK	28 Zone Athletics- Field  Yrs 3-4 '26 Storey Treehouse' Civic Theatre	29 Musical dress rehearsal + photography All day No assembly	30	31
3 August Police Talk Public Speaking ES1 Garden Suburb	4 Public Speaking St 1 Stockton 12 noon	5 Stage Assembly Public Speaking Stage 3 Zone Soldiers Point	6 Stage 2 Zone PS Musical all day rehearsal at NGS PERFORMANCE	7
10	11	12 Newcastle High Taster Lessons Whole School Assembly	13	14 Write On submissions to Mr Beach- Y1-6
17	18	19 Stage assembly	20	21 Water Safety Lessons
24 Book Week	25 Book Week Parade 2pm	26 Newcastle Perm. Maths Comp. Book Week lessons- Yr 6 12.15pm No	27 Infants Library visit?	28
31	1 September	2 Stage Assembly	3 Pet Visit KM & KT	4
7	8 Yrs K-2 'Cranky Bear' Civic Theatre	9 Whole School Assembly	10 Science & Engineering Y 5/6 Regional Public Speaking Disco- Band running	11
14	15	16 School Camp 3-6 Stage Assembly	17 School Camp Years 3 and 4 return	18 School Camp Years 5 and 6 return

## Term Four Planner

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
5 October Public Holiday	6 Students resume	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30
2 November	3	4	5	6
9	10	11 State Final Premiers Spelling Bee	12	13
16	17 NHS + Feeder Schools Town Hall Performance	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30 Captains Speeches	1 December	2	3	4
7	8	9	10 Year 6 Dinner	11
14	15	16 Last day for students	17 SDD	18 SDD



